

interdependence of our farms, rural areas, and cities in our economic system.

This remarkable farm-city system provides our people with produce for the smallest portion of consumers' average disposable income of any Nation. As consumers, we can use the remaining, much larger portion of our incomes for other goods, services, education, recreation, and comforts. This adds greatly to our choices in life and to our well-being, making us a more diversified, well-served people.

In addition, this farm-city team produces enough food in surplus of our own needs to enable the United States to be the breadbasket of the world, exporting more agricultural products than any other country. Each \$1 billion of farm exports provides an additional \$1.4 billion of off-farm economic activity and provides jobs for about 22,000 people on farms and in small towns and cities. Our highly competitive agricultural exports also provide the largest positive balance of trade of any U.S. industry. This, too, adds to our opportunities, our well-being, and the vitality of our economy.

Our agricultural team's unmatched productivity also makes it possible for the United States to carry out its international role as a world leader. As a strong, concerned Nation, with abundant agricultural reserves, the United States is the world's No. 1 donor of food aid in response to the needs of distressed people in other nations.

We all are indebted to the performance of the United States agricultural team. Each year since 1956, the Nation has set aside the week ending on Thanksgiving Day as "National Farm-City Week" to pay tribute to the people who put food on our tables and to give prayerful thanks for our individual blessings and the blessings of the United States of America.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of November 19–25, 1993, as National Farm-City Week. I encourage all Americans, in rural and urban communities alike, to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our farmers and all those hardworking individuals who

cooperate in producing the abundance of agricultural goods that strengthen and enrich the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Proclamation 6625—Thanksgiving Day, 1993

November 17, 1993

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

From the beginnings of our Nation, we have sought to recognize the providence and mercy of God with words and acts of gratitude, indeed with effort and energy toward helping others wherever need occurred. In the colorful days and weeks when the autumn of the year brings ripe and fruitful harvest across our land, Americans give thanks for many blessings. It is a time of bounty and generosity, a time to come together in peace.

This is the true spirit of Thanksgiving: acknowledging God's graciousness, and in response, reaching out in service to others. This spirit was apparent in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1621, when Pilgrim immigrants sat down with Native Americans and celebrated their common harvest.

This same spirit of Thanksgiving inspires our great Nation and our people to act with justice and concern toward all the peoples of the world and toward one another here at home. We are grateful for the dramatic progress made towards a comprehensive peace in the Middle East and for the Agree-

ment signed in our United States; we are thankful for the relief efforts that our Nation and others have undertaken where natural disasters have struck unmercifully.

Still, in this final decade of the twentieth century, we face great challenges. The troubled areas of our world continue to challenge our ability to find peaceful and equitable solutions. On this Thanksgiving Day, the hospitality and harmony of loved ones, friends, and neighbors, remind each of us that we belong to the larger family of mankind.

As we gather together during this sacred and cherished time, let us pledge to build a new America where everyone will have a place at the table, and no one will be left out. In this way we will truly maintain the spirit of Thanksgiving that has enriched our country since its beginnings. While recognizing the importance of individual responsibility, we will continue to place the strength and benevolence of this great Nation at the service of all its people, indeed of all the peoples of the earth. Then, in these richer years, we will reap a true and fruitful harvest.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 25, 1993, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage the citizens of this great Nation to gather in their homes, places of worship, or wherever they may choose to express heartfelt thanks for the abundance bestowed on us throughout our history.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Nomination for Chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

November 17, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Ricki Rhodarmer Tigert to be Chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. If confirmed by the Senate, Tigert would be the first woman to head a Federal banking agency.

"Ricki Tigert is highly qualified for this position, with broad-based experience in both the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government, as well as at the Federal Reserve," said the President. "Her 15 years of private and public sector experience in banking and financial issues have prepared her well for the important task of safeguarding the savings of millions of American bank depositors."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Appeals Court and District Court Judges

November 17, 1993

The President today nominated Judith Rogers, currently chief judge of the DC Court of Appeals, to be U.S. Court of Appeals judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. He also nominated attorney Thomas Vanaskie to be a U.S. District Court judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

"I am particularly proud to be making these appointments today. Judith Rogers' career has been one of historic firsts, and she will be only the second African-American woman ever to serve on a U.S. Court of Appeals. I am confident that she will continue the outstanding work she has done on Washington's highest court," said the President. "Likewise, I firmly believe that Thomas Vanaskie will exhibit all the qualities of an outstanding jurist on the District Court."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.